Focus

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# Morton Grove Public Library

## You Asked For It, You Got It

The Morton Grove Public Library's inaugural Book Discussion group, facilitated by accomplished book reviewer and new MGPL staff member, Roberta Johnson, will be meeting the second Tuesday of every other month at 7:00pm in the Board Room. At our first meeting, January 10, we'll explore Bobbie Ann Mason's critically acclaimed novel *Feather Crowns.* Set in turn-of-the-century Kentucky, the novel tells the engrossing story of a young country wife who finds herself the mother of quintuplets. Ten circulating copies of the book will be available in December at the Reader's Service Desk on a first come, first served basis. In addition to recently published gems in fiction and non-fiction, we will also read well-loved classics. Bring your ideas, insights and suggestions for future book discussions. We're planning a cozy winter of good reads and stimulating conversations. Join us!

## Read This to Save Money

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Effective January 1, 1995, a charge will be assessed on audiovisual materials returned in the book drop and on interlibrary loan materials that are not picked up by the requesting patron.

**Interlibrary loan** - An average interlibrary loan transaction costs the requesting library about $30.00. Unfortunately, approximately 20% of materials requested through interlibrary loan are never picked up by the patron. The Morton Grove Public Library is committed to providing interlibrary loan as a service vital to the public interest. In order to continue to maintain a balance between the value of the service and the high cost of providing the service, patrons will be charged for each interlibrary loan that is not picked up within the designated time frame:

- **Books:** by the lending library's due date.
- **Articles:** within 2 weeks of the notification date.

We have access to the shared materials and information of more than 2,500 Illinois public, academic, school and special libraries. We'll try to get you what you want. Just make sure if we do, you pick it up.

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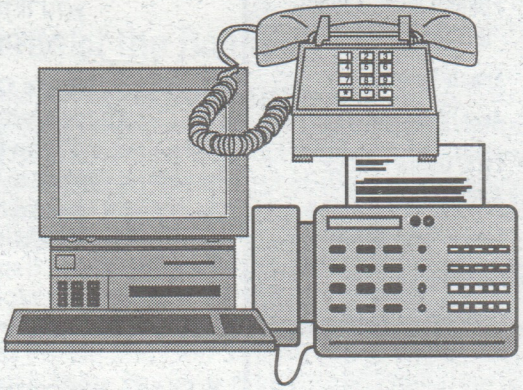

## Library Services: Just Call

### If you can't make it to the Library, bring library services to you. Dial us up at 965-4220.

☎ Check on the availability of books, CDs, cassettes and videos. We'll even hold materials until you can come in (for up to 3 days).

☎ If we don't have what you're looking for, we'll try and find it at another library, and notify you when it comes in.

☎ You can find out how much that old Chevy Blazer is worth. Just call the Reference Department and ask for the *Red Book* listing.

☎ Dial 675-0750 and browse our catalog from the friendly confines of your own home computer. Or fax us your reference request at 965-7903. We'll gladly respond.

☎ For those with TDDs, full library services are available by calling the Library at 965-4236.

☎ Your book is due tomorrow and you still have 156 more pages to read - call us up. If there's no waiting list on the book, and you're calling before the book is due, we'll renew it. Have your library card and the barcode number (located inside the front cover) of the book ready.

☎ Whether in person, over the phone, via computer, fax or TDD, the Morton Grove Public Library is here to meet your informational, recreational, and educational needs. Dial us up - we're as close as your phone.

**MGPL Hours**

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

***Closed Thurs. Nov. 24, Sat. & Sun. Dec. 24 & 25***

# Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

## Calendar Summary

### November

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| 11/1 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 11/8 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 11/10 | Th | 7:45 | Library Board Meeting |
| 11/11 | Fr | 10:00 | New Book Showcase |
| 11/12 | Sa | 2:00 | Be Fit While You Sit |
| 11/14 | Mo | 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00 | Feature Film: *Speed* R (116min) |
| 11/15 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 11/16 | We | 7:00 | Avoid Career Crash |
| 11/20 | Su | 2:00 | Lyric Opera Profile: *Candide* |
| 11/22 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 11/24 | Th | | Closed for Thanksgiving |
| 11/29 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |

### December

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| 12/4 | Su | 2:00 | Lyric Opera Profile: *Aida* |
| 12/6 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 12/6 | Tu | 7:00 | Are You Paying Too Much for Taxes? |
| 12/8 | Th | 7:45 | Library Board Meeting |
| 12/9 | Fi | 10:00 | New Book Showcase |
| 12/11 | Su | 2:00 | Concert: *North Shore Madrigals - a cappella* ensemble |
| 12/12 | Mo | 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00 | Feature Film: *Clear & Present Danger* PG-13 (142min) |
| 12/13 | Tu | 11:30 | *Jane Addams: Worthy Choices* - dramatic performance |
| 12/20 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 12/24 - 25 | | | Closed for Christmas |
| 12/27 | Tu | 11:30 | Lunch Time Movies |
| 1/1 | Su | | Closed for New Year's |

## Programs

## November

**How to Be Fit While You Sit** - Dr. Chislof of the Doctor's Speakers Bureau will outline simple solutions to the discomforts associated with too much time spent on your seat. Learn exercises to ease pain and fatigue as well as techniques for improving muscle tone. **Thurs. 11/12, 2:00pm**

**Don't Get Stalled on Your Career Path: Avoid Career Crash** - Tune in to new strategies for successful career management with career specialist Steve Oserman. Whether you're just starting down the employment path, or midway down the road, you'll find this workshop examines the cutting edge in career development. **Wed. 11/16, 7:00pm**

**Lyric Opera Profile - *Candide*** - Leonard Bernstein's rendition of Voltaire's irreverent satire will be highlighted by Kip Kelley, of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps. This profile, offered by the Skokie Valley Chapter of the Lyric Opera, is one of a series of programs highlighting the current Lyric Opera season. **Sun. 11/20, 2:00pm**

## December

**Lyric Opera Profile - *Aida*** - Dr. Thomas Brown, Professor of Music at DePaul University will discuss Giuseppe Verdi's opera about patriotism, passion and tragedy in ancient Egypt. **Sun. 12/4, 2:00pm**

**Are You Paying Too Much For Taxes?** - It's never too late or too early to begin an investment plan with strategies to help ease your tax burden. Malcolm Proudfoot of Dean Witter Reynolds will outline eighteen ways to save money on your income taxes. **Tues. 12/6, 7:00pm**

**North Shore Madrigals** - An *a cappella* ensemble of a dozen singers will perform in Renaissance costume for this holiday concert. **Sun 12/11, 2:00pm**

**Jane Addams: Worthy Choices** - Ann Kolasinski portrays Jane Addams in this dramatic performance about the founder of Hull House. Ms. Kolasinski will follow the performance with a slide presentation of historical photos, and narration about Jane Addams and life in Chicago at the end of 19th century. **Tues. 12/13, 11:30am**

**All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call the Library's Program Coordinator at 708-965-4220 (TDD: 965-4236)**

## Films

### November

*Speed* R (116min) High velocity action film starring Keanu Reeves as an officer trapped on a bus that will explode if the speedometer falls below 50 mph. **Mon. 11/14, 11:00am, 2:30pm & 7:00pm**

### December

*Clear and Present Danger* PG-13 (142min) As deputy director of the CIA, Harrison Ford finds deceit and betrayal everywhere in this action film based on Tom Clancey's best-selling novel. **Mon. 12/12, 11:00am, 2:30pm & 7:00pm**

## Art Exhibits

### Baxter Room

**November** - "Personal Vision" photographs by Lowell Martin

**December** - artist to be announced.

### Lobby Display Case

**November-** WWII commemorative , with posters and artifacts from the collection of Joel Tamraz.

**December** - Winter celebrations and holidays from around the world.

# Library Favorites

### Lunch Time Movies

Every Tuesday at 11:30am, the Morton Grove Public Library screens an hour and a half of movies covering a range of interesting topics. Bring your lunch and sit back for our travelogs, documentaries, biographies and nature films.

### New Book Showcase

Join us at 10:00am the second Friday of each month for a preview of the latest Library acquisitions. **Friday, November 11** and **Friday, December 9.**

## Kids Programs

### "Read all About It" Our Dinosaur Derby Kicks Off with Imagination

Imagination Theater will present a special performance of "Read all About It" on Saturday, November 19 at 2:00 in the Baxter Room. "Read all About It" follows the adventures of Billy Bundren, an aspiring professional basketball player. After the performance, sign-up will begin for this year's Dinosaur Derby. Readers in grades 1-6 may join a team of students from their school to compete for points and prizes by reading books. So join your dinosaur team, gather your points, and "Read all About It."

### "Read Across America"

Our younger set can also participate in a reading program. After the "Read all About It" performance, sign up your pre-schoolers and kindergartners for the Library's new read-aloud program "Read Across America."

### Battle of the Books

Improve critical reading skills and earn points while learning with the Battle of the Books. The Battle of the Books is a contest between teams from area schools. Each team consists of four students, a timekeeper and an alternate. Participants select books from a 50 item booklist. During the meets the students are quizzed with timed questions about books from the list. Battle of the Books for grades 4 - 6 meets Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 4:00pm in the Baxter Room. Students from Parkview, East Prairie and Golf Schools are participating. Come watch these students take on the challenge and score with the Battle of the Books.

## Children's Classes

Winter session begins Jan. 9

Sign-up will start Dec. 12 for MG residents & Dec. 19 for non-residents.

**Pre-School Storytime**
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:

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| Monday | 1:00 pm |
| Tuesday | 1:00 pm |
| Wednesday | 10:00 am |
| Thursday | 6:45 pm |

Class limit – 30

**Library Playtime for 2 1/2 Year Olds & Parents**
Please choose one of the following:

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| Thursday | 10:30 am |
| Friday | 10:30 am |

Class limit – 12 children and 12 parents

**Stories & Stuff**
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00pm
Class limit – 12

**Arts & Crafts**

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| Grades 1-3 | Mon. 4:00 pm |
| Grades 4-6 | Fri. 4:00 pm |

Class limit – 15

**Creative Writing**
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4:00 pm
Class limit - 40

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## Audiovisual Materials

The Library's outdoor bookdrop is a convenient way to return Library materials. However, videos, audiocassettes, and CDs should not be returned in the outside bookdrop. Many of these AV materials have been damaged in the bookdrop. As a result, beginning Jan. 1, patrons will be charged $2 for each video, CD or cassette item returned in the bookdrop, even if the material is returned on or before the due date.

Save money and Library materials - return your AV items to the Library check-out desk on time.

# 2 openings for the Library Board

Information is power, and libraries are in the business of empowerment. Help us meet Morton Grove's educational, recreational and informational needs. Consider being a Library Board Trustee. Stop by the Library for more information.

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# Reference Round-up

**Where in the World? An Atlas for Stamp Collectors** by Kenneth Wood. Not for philatelists only! This terrific guide features descriptions and maps of kingdoms, principalities, provinces and former states which have issued interesting stamps.

**Who in the world...**Want to know more about the Croats and Serbs? Wondering how the whole Northern Ireland business got started? Curious about the origins of the Palestinians? The fresh, informative and beautifully illustrated ***Encyclopedia of the Peoples of the World*** describes the language, culture and history of over 2000 ethnic groups. Great for browsing, and an indispensable aid to understanding current headlines.

**Get your tax dollars' worth!** The federal government publishes countless free pamphlets and books every year on such timely topics as eldercare, small business management, mortgage rates, and family health and safety. The only problem is tracking them down. Help is here, with ***1001 Free Goodies and Cheapies: Gobs and Gobs of Really Neat Stuff the Government Gives Away to Anyone!!***, a list of free videos, books and pamphlets that are yours for the asking.

**Do I Detect**... Mystery fans rejoice! ***Encyclopedia Mysteriosa*** is here with profiles of all your favorite mystery writers, characters, films and TV shows. Discover the real life inspirations for Hercule Poirot and Sherlock Holmes; get a list of mystery bookstores in Illinois, or plumb the psyches of Mickey Spillane, Agatha Christie, and Georges Simenon. Fascinating!

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